

BERGER A BANKRUPT AS RICH FAIL TO PAY

Newport Caterer Lists Noble-
men and Society Folk
Among His Debtors.

\$15,000 DUE FROM COURT

Petition Reveals How Unsuc-
cessful International Ro-
mance Was Financed.

Carl Berger, chef, caterer and re-
staurantier, asked the United States Dis-
trict Court yesterday to declare him a
bankrupt because of his inability to get
together enough money to meet the debts
which he ran up while he was tickling
the palates of society folk and visiting
noblemen with his spicy dishes and help-
ing them entertain their friends at
sumptuous dinner parties.

Berger lives at 25 West Fifty-fifth
street, but most of his catering work
was done at Great Neck, L. I., and New-
port, where for years he kept a fashion-
able restaurant in Bellevue avenue.
Both the Newport and Great Neck estab-
lishments were closed recently because
of attachments filed against their prop-
rietor. The list of debtors named by
Berger in his petition reads like a page
from a social register, and contains the
names of several titled foreigners, from
one of whom, Count Alexander Rudik
of Putzok of Budapest, Hungary, Berger
may some day collect \$15,000.

Financed a Romance.

The origin of the \$15,000 debt lies in
an unsuccessful international romance
which Berger unintentionally financed.
Several years ago, according to Berger's
attorney, Jerome C. Lewis of 165 Broad-
way, Putzok came to this country and
settled in New York. He was intro-
duced to Berger, a fellow countryman, by
Theodore Havemeyer. Soon afterward
the nobleman began to pay attention to
a wealthy widow, who appeared to
favor his suit. Berger loaned Putzok
\$5,000 and extended him \$10,000 worth
of credit in the form of dinner parties.
About the time Putzok was expecting
the courtship to ripen into an engage-
ment the widow became betrothed to an-
other, and the Count's creditors began to
press him so mercilessly that he returned
to Hungary, where he is said to be in-
fluential in political circles.

Other of Berger's foreign debtors and
the amounts owed by them, according to
the petition, are Prince Lubke of War-
m, \$1,500, and Richard Palmer Kap-
herr, former German minister at Wash-
ington. These debts were incurred in
catering work done by Berger. The bill
owed by Prince Lubke was contracted
in 1896. Under the heading of accounts
receivable Berger lists the following
claims:

Mrs. Charles De L. Oelrichs, 103 East
Seventy-fifth street, \$17.50; F. H. Prince,
Boston, \$17.50; Newton R. Adams, Rum-
melt, N. J., \$25; Herbert Hartman, 123
East Fifty-sixth street, \$5; Lawrence
Waterbury, 132 East Thirty-eighth
street, \$25; H. Binney, 2 Rector street,
\$27; Ensign L. E. Nord, V. S. S., North
Carolina, \$50; Missa Perenoff, 1 East
113th street, \$18; R. R. Waterbury, \$15,
and B. H. S. Gregory, St. Paul Hotel,
Sixtieth street and Columbus avenue,
\$650.

Berger's Creditors.

To Nicola Tesla, the wireless inventor,
Berger owes a balance of \$750 on a loan
negotiated in 1894. Among his other
creditors are the Town Topics Pub-
lishing Company, \$30 for advertising, and
his wife, Mrs. Honore M. Berger, who
holds a chattel mortgage against the
property at 25 West Fifty-fifth street
for \$5,000. Mrs. William Astor Chanler,
\$500 for rent of his Great Neck estab-
lishment, and Lawrence T. Durant, a
dancing instructor, who has filed a
breach of contract suit for \$3,500 against
Berger and his wife. Durant was en-
gaged to dance at Berger's Newport re-
sultant.

As a chef Berger became famous as
the originator of many complex dishes,
but in spite of that he has always been
an ardent advocate of the simple life.
In 1908, while manager of the Hotel
Gotham, he announced his ability to add
fifty years to the life of any man who
would follow his rules for exercise and
simple diet. His is a fine example of
the efficacy of his own theory and he is
regarded by some as an eminent authority
on Bandow as a perfect specimen of
physical manhood.

At Newport Berger held the record
for being the only man who could lift an
eighty-five pound dumbbell while sitting
in a chair. Scores of athletes in society
and husky seamen have been pitted
against him. W. P. Burden was his
most dangerous rival in the field of
weight lifting. Berger attributes the basis
of his strength to his service in the
Austrian army.

THIS IS SETTLEMENT WEEK.

New York Women Pledge \$10,000
for Rivington Street Work.

This week is College Settlement Week,
and a group of New York women rep-
resenting nine colleges have pledged
themselves to raise \$10,000 for the Riv-
ington Street Settlement.

Miss Elizabeth S. Williams, head
worker at the College Settlement in Riv-
ington street, said yesterday that funds
are necessary to continue and to extend
the important work of the settlement in
the crowded sections of the city. Mrs.
Lealie Palmer has given to the settlement
from November 20 to 25 the ground floor
of 25 West Thirty-seventh street. A ben-
efit bazaar will be held there. Among
prominent women interested are Mrs.
Charles E. Hughes, Mrs. Thomas J. Pres-
ton, Jr., Mrs. Benjamin Harrison, Dean
Virginia C. Gildersleeve, Mrs. James Lee
Laidlaw and Mrs. George McAneny.
Luncheon and tea will be served.

PARK LAKE ROW, 25 CENTS.

Charge Stipulated by Ward in Call-
ing for Boat Privilege Bids.

It will cost only twenty-five cents an
hour next summer to go rowing on the
Central Park lake. Park Commissioner
Cabot Ward called for bids on the row-
ing privileges yesterday, and he specified
that this be the maximum charge.

Formerly the rowing privileges on
both lakes, granted to two men, brought
the city \$248.24 a month. Commissioner
Ward calls for single bids on all the park
lake privileges, which include water skis
on the big lake and Harlem Meer, swim-
boats on the Fifty-ninth street pond,
skate renting and hat and coat checking
privileges during the skating season.

Two Held as Pur Thieves.

Charged with having stolen four worth
\$10,000 from Edward Krunk, a furrier,
19 West Thirty-eighth street, Albert
Davis, 22, of 131 East Forty-fifth street,
Manhattan, and Irving Singer, 22, of
2017 West Twenty-third street, Coney
Island, were held in \$2,500 bail by
Magistrate Handy in Jefferson Market
court yesterday.

PENNEL'S ART IN GUILD HALL.

American Drawings of Munition
Workers to Be Exhibited.
Special Cable Dispatch to The Sun from the
London Times.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The corporation of
London has acceded to the request of
the Ministry of Munitions that the draw-
ings of Joseph Pennell, the American
illustrator, of the work in munitions
factories and foundries should be shown
in the Guild Hall.

It is the desire of the Government
that as many people as possible may
see the immensity of the work. After
they are shown in London the drawings
will be taken to the chief cities of the
country and then to Petrograd, Rome,
Paris and New York. The catalogue
will contain an introduction by H. G.
Wells. The exhibition will be opened
under the presidency of the Lord Mayor
by the Minister of Munitions.

CAFE DE LA PAIX CLOSES ITS DOORS

Bustanoby's Columbus Circle
Place to Be Sold at
Auction.

Bustanoby's Cafe, de la Paix, one of
Broadway's light-house to the north, has
never before lived up to its name, but
everything was peaceful and quiet last
night, and the Teutonic residents of the
neighboring flats were not serenaded
with "The Marseillaise" in the small
hours of the morning as per usual cus-
tom.

There were no dominoes played in the
Dining Room and the plaintive note of
the Hawaiian hula calling to its mate
was still. When Columbus Circle
boulevardiers came up for air and a sip
of creme de menthe yesterday afternoon
the cafe was closed. Bustanoby's, in
his favorite Broadway Parisian cafe
they found the front of the more or
less famous restaurant boarded up and
an excited group of Galls "gasings"
threatening to storm the place, which
was held by a lot of deputy sheriffs.
Bustanoby's Sixth street restaurant is
not the only one of its kind in the city.
On Monday by the Sheriff to meet
the claims of the employees for
wages and other creditors.

The 125 employees of the place, in-
cluding waiters, cooks and assistants
appealed to the law several days ago
to help them collect what they claim is
due them for services. When Jacques
Bustanoby, the proprietor, was unable to
settle the difficulties Marshal M. F.
Gilligan took charge. The employees
asked permission to run the restaurant
themselves long enough to get money
for their immediate needs, to which the
marshal agreed provided they would
pay the operating expenses.

One night was enough to the coopera-
tive experiment for the employees. The
nighting bill alone was \$54. The rumor
of the Bustanoby's troubles had spread
and the customary patrons shunned the
place so that it cost the employees \$20
for the operating expenses.

The excellent French chefs, pastry
cooks, waiters and bus boys gathered
on the curb outside the restaurant
yesterday and held council on the pos-
sibility of getting their money until
chased away by the police.

Jacques Bustanoby, the proprietor,
could not be found, but his wife, Ruth
Boyd Bustanoby, his wife, declared
that it was "only a little misunder-
standing" with the employees, which
would be cleared up shortly and that
the restaurant would reopen on Monday.
The employees assert that approxi-
mately \$5,000 is due them in wages,
and there are other claimants to the
extent of about \$30,000.

Strangest Herself to Death.

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